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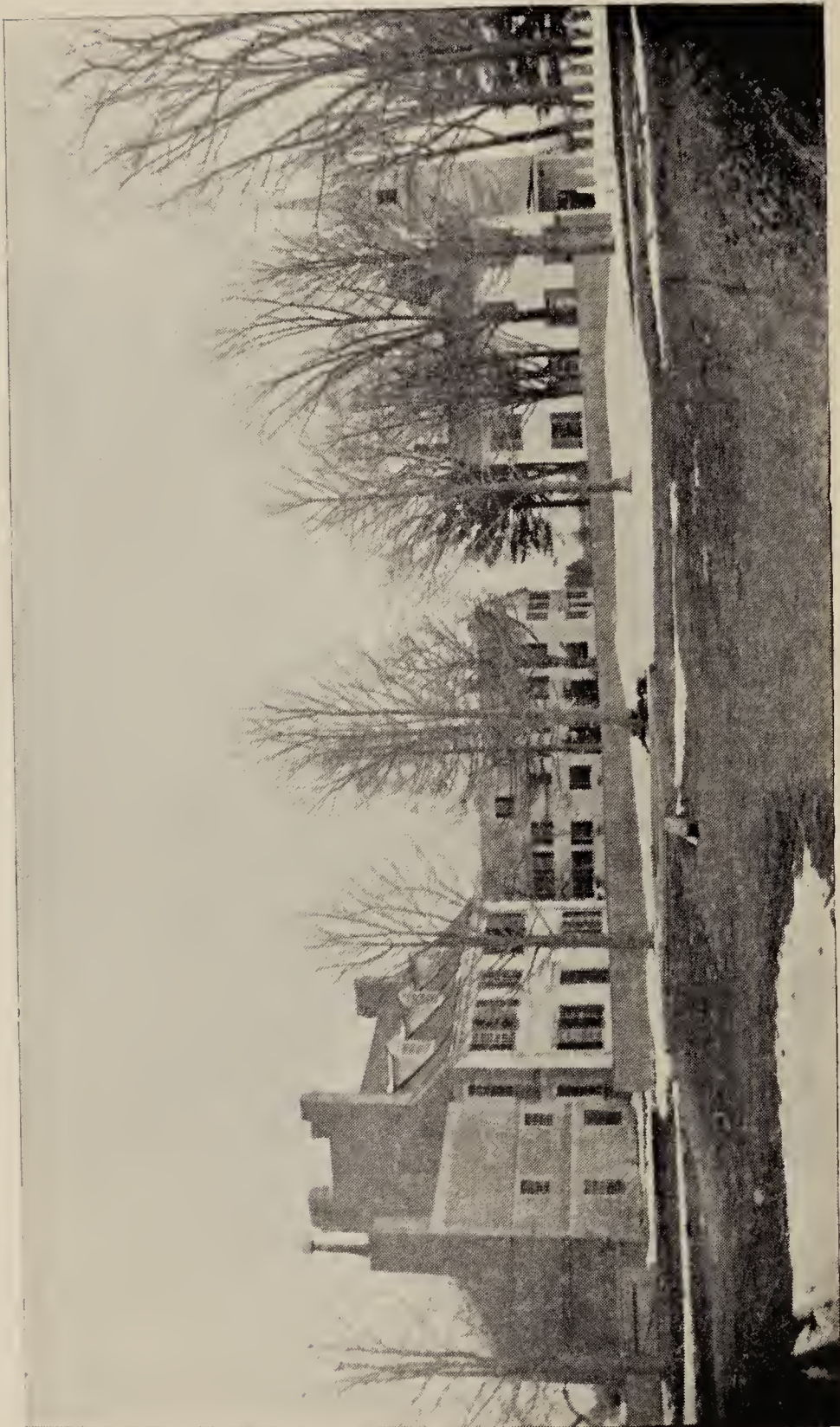
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VIEW OF ACADEMY GROUNDS

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DUMMER ACADEMY

HOME SCHOOL FOR BOYS

1896-1897

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THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR

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### HON. WILLIAM DUMMER,

Lieutenant Governor Massachusetts Bay Province, 1716-1730;  
Acting Governor, 1723-1728 ; 1729-1730.

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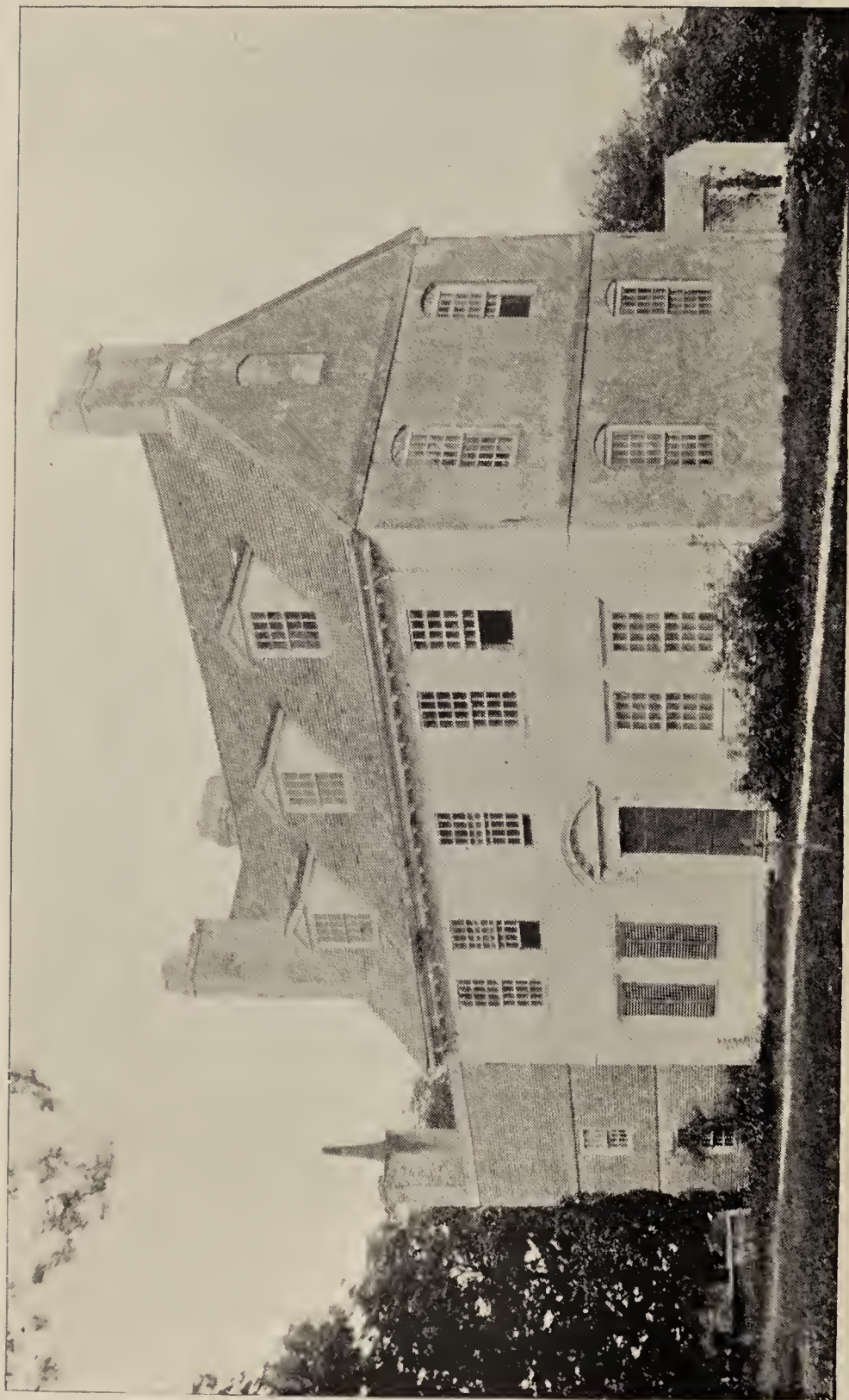
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LIEUT. GOV. DUMMER'S MANSION HOUSE, ERECTED ABOUT 1720



## DUMMER ACADEMY.



DUMMER ACADEMY was founded by the Honorable William Dummer, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Massachusetts Bay from 1716 to 1730. When Governor Shute returned to England in 1723, William Dummer assumed the chief magistracy, which position he held till the appointment of William Burnett in the summer of 1728. On the death of Burnett in September, 1729, William Dummer again was called to the magistracy. Six months later, the arrival of Governor Belcher and the appointment of a new Lieutenant Governor enabled William Dummer to retire wholly from public life.

William Dummer died October 10, 1761, at the age of eighty-four. By his will, his dwelling-house and farm in Newbury were set apart for the establishment and maintenance of a grammar school. In 1762, a small school building was erected. On March 1, 1763, the academy was formally opened with twenty-eight pupils in attendance, and has been in continuous session since that time. It is the oldest institution of its kind in Massachusetts. More than 2500 students have received instruction at the school. Some of the most eminent men and scholars of the country are numbered among its graduates.

## LOCATION.

The Academy is situated in the parish of Byfield in the town of Newbury. The locality is a most desirable one for such a school; it is a pleasant and healthy farming district, with no hotel, store, or place of public resort in the immediate vicinity. The Academy farm lies between the Parker and Mill rivers, and affords, with the surrounding territory, varied scenery of land and water. The situation is well adapted for the enjoyment of country life and of rural sports and pastimes.

It is conveniently accessible. Byfield, on the western division of the Boston and Maine Railroad, is distant three miles; Rowley, on the eastern division, is also three miles away; and the city of Newburyport, four miles. A carriage will meet any train if notice is sent to the master. The master's house is connected by telephone with Newburyport district.

## BUILDINGS.

The buildings consist of the old Mansion House, erected about 1720, the Academy building, the gymnasium, and the Master's house,—a large, comfortable, and convenient home of twenty rooms. The Academy farmhouse, with accommodations for fifteen boys, is now available for occupation.

## OBJECT.

The special work of the Academy is to prepare boys for college and for technical schools. The courses of study are designed especially for those who intend to enter Harvard, Yale, or Princeton University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Lawrence Scientific School, or the Sheffield

Scientific School. Pupils who wish to enter other colleges or to engage in special studies will be admitted and their course of study regulated accordingly. The certificate of the master will admit to most of the New England colleges.

## COURSES OF STUDY.

The course of study covers four years. Pupils of mature age are given every opportunity to advance from grade to grade, at any time when they are able to pass the required examinations. Every worthy effort to shorten the time of preparation is encouraged. At the same time, it is felt unwise to attempt to hasten the work unless urgent necessity exists.

## PREPARATORY CLASSES.

Pupils too young or too poorly prepared to enter the Junior Class will be received and their work arranged to meet their needs. Boys will be received at an earlier age than at most academies. The advantage of a systematic early training is no less important than the four years of careful preparation for college.

## SPECIAL STUDENTS.

While it is believed that the best interests of the boys are served by placing them in regular classes, those will be received whose health or previous preparation will not enable them to be regularly enrolled. In all such cases, the course of study will be arranged to meet the needs of each boy.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION.

Applicants for admission must be recommended by their latest instructor for scholarship and character. No boy will be received who has been expelled or suspended from another school, and no boy will be allowed to remain whose influence in any way tends to harm the school. If any boy has not attended school for several years, he may present a testimonial from the pastor of his home church.

Applicants for the Junior Class are examined in Arithmetic, English Grammar, and Geography. Pupils will be received into the Preparatory Classes without examination. Any candidate for a higher class must pass the requirements for admission to the class he wishes to enter.

Examinations are held on the day before the opening of the autumn term. If students cannot enter at the beginning of the term, they will be received at any time. It is desirable, however, that all present themselves early, that delay may be avoided. No age is prescribed for admission.

The school year begins with the Fall Term. Students will be enrolled in one of the regular classes, and will be expected to pursue a prescribed course. Exceptions are made when circumstances render such action advisable.

## EXAMINATIONS.

Scholarship is marked on the scale of 100. Any student who does not secure or maintain in each study a grade of sixty per cent is not advanced with his class. A daily record is kept in each study. Written examinations are held each month. Averages, made up from the daily work and monthly examinations, are sent to the parents or guardian of each boy.



## RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

The Academy day opens with devotional exercises at nine o'clock. These exercises are conducted by the master or his assistants or by the pastor of the Congregational Church. The students attend church and Sabbath School on Sunday at the Byfield Congregational Church. Students are always welcome at the fortnightly church socials given in the chapel.

## DISCIPLINE.

The students are not permitted to go to the village or to Newburyport without special permission from the master or instructor in charge. There can be little occasion for spending money, as everything but books and clothing is provided. Pocket money that parents desire their sons to have may be supplied through the master.

At present, all the boarding boys live in the master's house and are a part of the family. The advantages of home life to a boy away from his parents or guardian cannot be over-estimated. The master and his wife aim to take the place of parents so far as is possible, and thus to continue the development of true manliness in the boys placed under their charge.

Smoking and all other habits believed to be injurious are forbidden.

Each boy is required to write to his parents or guardian or to some member of the home family each Sabbath.

## EXPENSES.

The fee for the full year is \$450. This includes tuition, board, heat, lights, and washing (except such as is sent to the steam laundry). The fee for day scholars, not residents

of the town of Newbury, is \$75 a year. Pupils from the town of Newbury will be received at one-half the fee charged day scholars. A laboratory fee of \$5 a term is charged all students taking the course in Physics or Chemistry. All bills are invariably due at the beginning of each term. All checks or drafts should be drawn to the order of Perley L. Horne, Master.

Each student is expected to furnish three sheets, three pillow cases, six towels, and three napkins, all carefully marked.

### LIBRARIES.

The Academy has a reference library of about 1000 volumes. The master's private library, of more than 1000 volumes, is open for the use of the school. The Newburyport Public Library, containing about 6000 volumes, is accessible to the pupils of the Academy.

The Academy gratefully acknowledges the gift of several valuable sets of books from Mr. William W. Caldwell of Newburyport.

### SOCIETIES.

The Dummer Forum (organized 1896) holds bi-weekly meetings for debate and other literary improvement. The River Parker Chataqua Circle is open to students. Meetings are held every fortnight at the chapel for the study of literature and history.

### ENGLISH COMPOSITION.

With the belief that the ability to use the English language is of primary importance, special attention is given to this part of the work. DAILY THEMES are required of all pupils. The themes must be short and may be upon



any subjects. The aim is to teach the pupils to express themselves easily and correctly upon any subject. The successful results of a year's trial warrants the continuance of this requirement and fully repays the arduous task of reading, correcting, and grading the themes.

### LECTURES.

The Hon. William Dummer Northend of Salem, Mass., has delivered during the winter and spring a course of five lectures on "Early Massachusetts History." February 17, Dr. Howard H. Cook, of the Massachusetts Taxation Commission, delivered an address on "The Transvaal Question." During the winter the Master has delivered a course of eight public lectures on the "Prose Writers of the Nineteenth Century."

Provision has been made for a regular course of lectures each winter.

### GYMNASIUM.

The gymnasium is a substantial, well-lighted building sixty feet by forty. Daily gymnasium practice is required; when the weather is suitable, regular outdoor exercise is substituted.

### CARE IN SICKNESS.

In cases of sickness, which are remarkably few, parents may rely that immediate and efficient care will be given, and, if necessary, a trained nurse provided. Several good physicians are conveniently accessible.

The neighborhood is noted for its healthfulness. The health of each boy is looked after as carefully as his studies. To this end, regular hours for rising and retiring and for daily exercise are prescribed.

## HOURS.

7.00 A.M. Rising.

7.30 A.M. Breakfast.

9.00 to 12.00 }  
1.00 to 3.00 } School Exercise.

12.00 M. Dinner.

3.30 to 5.00 Exercise.

6.00 P.M. Supper.

7.30 to 9.00 Study Hour.

9.30 P.M. Retiring.

## COURSES OF STUDY.

The courses of study have been carefully arranged to meet the requirements for admission to all the leading colleges and scientific schools.

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### PREPARATORY COURSE.

#### FIRST YEAR.

Each week.

English and Grammar.	5 periods.
Arithmetic.	5 “
United States History and Geography.	3 “
Physical Geography (Elementary).	2 “

#### SECOND YEAR.

English and Grammar.	5 “
Arithmetic reviewed and completed.	5 “
English History and Civil Government.	4 “
Physiology.	1 “

# I.

## CLASSICAL COURSE.

### JUNIOR.

Latin begun. Collar & Daniell. Nepos.	5	periods.
Algebra.	5	"
English.	3	"
Roman History.	2	"

### JUNIOR MIDDLE.

Caesar, I-IV ; Viri Romae.	5	"
Greek begun ; White's Lessons ; Anabasis begun.	5	"
Geometry (Plane).	4	"
Greek History.	2	"
French or German.	4	"

### MIDDLE.

Virgil's Aeneid, I-III. Cicero's four Orations against Catiline.	5	"
Xenophon ; Herodotus.	5	"
Physics (experimental).	4	"
Algebra (1); History review (2); French or German (2).	5	"
English Literature.	1	"

### SENIOR.

Virgil, Aeneid, IV-VI ; Georgics ; Bucolics.		
Cicero: Verres ; Milo ; Pro Lege Manilia.		
Composition. Sight.	6	"
Homer ; Greek Composition. Sight.	6	"
English Literature.	4	"
Geometry Reviewed.	1	"

Daily themes throughout the course.

## II.

### CLASSICAL COURSE

WITH GERMAN AND FRENCH.

First three years the same as in Course I.

#### SENIOR.

Virgil, Aeneid, IV-VI ; Georgics ; Bucolics.

Sight. Cicero, Verres ; Archias ; Milo ;

Pro Lege Manilia.

5 periods.

Homer ; Sight.

5 “

English Literature.

4 “

Geometry reviewed.

1 “

German or French.

5 “

Daily themes required.

NOTE. — Advanced French or German may be substituted  
for Advanced Greek or Advanced Latin.

## III.

### CLASSICAL COURSE

WITH ADVANCED FRENCH AND ADVANCED GERMAN.

First two years the same as in Course I.

#### MIDDLE.

Latin, same as in Course I.

5 periods.

Greek “ “ “ “ “

5 “

German or French.

4 “

Algebra ; Histories and French or German.

5 “

English Literature.

1 “

#### SENIOR.

Advanced French.

5 “

“ German.

5 “

English Literature.

4 “

Physics (experimental).

4 “

Geometry reviewed.

1 “

Daily themes throughout the course.

In Course III, Advanced Mathematics or Advanced Greek  
or Latin may be substituted for Advanced Modern  
Languages.

## IV.

### CLASSICAL COURSE

OMITTING EITHER GREEK OR LATIN.

Junior Year the same as in Course I.

#### JUNIOR MIDDLE.

*Latin ; regular second year work.	5	periods.
*Greek ;    "    first       "    "	5	"
Geometry.	4	"
French or German.	4	"
Greek History.	2	"
Physics (experimental).	4	"

\* Choice between Greek and Latin.

#### MIDDLE.

*Latin ; regular third year work.	5	"
*Greek ;    "    second year work.	5	"
German or French.	4	"
Trigonometry.	4	"
Algebra ; History review ; French or German.	5	"
English Literature.	1	"

\* Choice between Greek and Latin.

#### SENIOR.

English Literature.	4	"
Solid Geometry.	4	"
*Latin ; regular fourth year work, except composition.	5	"
*Greek ; regular third year work, except composition.	5	"
*Advanced French.	5	"
*        "        German.	5	"
*Analytics and Advanced Algebra.	5	"
*Advanced Physics.	5	"
*Chemistry.	5	"

Two starred courses must be chosen.

Daily themes required.



## V.

### CLASSICAL COURSE

OMITTING GREEK OR LATIN AND FRENCH OR GERMAN.

First two years the same as in Course IV.

#### MIDDLE.

*Latin ; regular third year work.	5	periods.
*Greek ; " second year work.	5	"
Trigonometry.	4	"
Solid Geometry.	4	"
English Literature.	1	"
Algebra ; History review ; French or German.	5	"

\* Choice between Latin and Greek.

#### SENIOR.

English Literature.	4	"
*Latin ; regular fourth year, except composition.	5	"
*Greek ; " third " " "	5	"
*Advanced French.	5	"
* " German.	5	"
*Analytics and Advanced Algebra.	5	"
*Advanced Physics.	5	"
*Chemistry.	5	"

Four starred courses must be chosen.

Chemistry or one Advanced Language may be taken in the middle year.

Daily themes required.

## VI.

### SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

#### JUNIOR.

Algebra.	5 periods.
English.	3 “
Roman History.	2 “
Commercial Arithmetic.	5 “

#### JUNIOR MIDDLE.

Plane Geometry.	4 “
French or German.	4 “
Greek History.	2 “
*Geology.	3 “
Physical Geography, first term.	2 “
*Botany (optional), second and third terms.	2 “
* Geology 2 periods and Botany 3 periods, in spring term.	

#### MIDDLE.

Physics (experimental).	4 “
Algebra ; History review ; French or German.	5 “
English Literature.	1 “
Geometry review.	1 “
†Chemistry.	5 “
†Trigonometry.	4 “

#### SENIOR.

English Literature.	4 “
Advanced Algebra.	4 “
Solid Geometry.	4 “
†Astronomy.	4 “
†Surveying or Analytics, or Advanced Physics.	4 “

† Students wishing to finish the course in three years may omit courses marked †. This will not entitle the student to a diploma, but fills the letter of requirements to Technical schools.

Daily themes required.

## VII.

### ENGLISH COURSE.

#### JUNIOR.

Algebra.	5	periods.
English.	3	"
Roman History.	2	"
French or German.	4	"
*Commercial Arithmetic.	3	"
*Book-keeping.	3	"
* Commercial Arithmetic, first term. Book-keeping rest of year.		

#### JUNIOR MIDDLE.

Plane Geometry.	4	"
French or German.	4	"
Greek History.	2	"
*Physical Geography.	2	"
*Botany.	2	"
*Geology.	3	"
* Physical Geography, first term ; Botany, second and third terms. Spring term, 3 periods a week. Geology, 2 periods a week in the spring term.		

#### MIDDLE.

Physics (experimental).	4	"
Chemistry.	4	"
French History.	2	"
Advanced French or German.	4	"
Zoölogy.	2	"

#### SENIOR.

English Literature.	4	"
Astronomy.	4	"
Mental and Moral Philosophy.	4	"
English History.	2	"
Advanced German or French.	4	"
Biology.	2	"

NOTE. — Latin may be substituted in the English course for an equivalent amount of work. Each case of substitution will be decided on its own merits.

Daily themes required.

## CALENDAR.

1897-98.

Entrance Examination, Tuesday, 9.00 A.M., Sept. 7, 1897.

The Fall Term begins Wednesday, 9.00 A.M., Sept. 8, 1897.

The Fall Term ends Wednesday noon, Dec. 22, 1897.

The Winter Term begins Wednesday, 9.00 A.M., Jan. 5, 1898.

The Winter Term ends Friday noon, Mar. 25, 1898.

The Spring Term begins Wednesday, 9.00 A.M., Apr. 6, 1898.

The Spring Term ends Wednesday, June 15, 1898.

1898-99.

The Fall Term begins Wednesday, 9.00 A.M., Sept. 7, 1898.

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